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Subject: Bar-b-que pits, open-flame cooking devices

Ref: City of Houston Fire Code, Section 307

Use of open-flame, wood or charcoal cooking devices shall be in accordance with:

Section 307.5 Open-flame cooking devices. Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices {This includes bar-b-que pits, woks, grills, broilers, chimenas, fire rings} shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3048 mm) of combustible construction {This includes wooden decking, windows openings, door openings, building siding materials, combustible fencing, awnings, patio covers, etc}.

Exceptions:

1. One- and two-family dwellings.
2. Where buildings and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.

Section 307.5.1 Liquefied-petroleum-gas-fueled cooking devices.

LP-gas burners having a LP-gas container with a water capacity greater than 2.5 pounds (1.14 kg) [nominal 1 pound (0.454 kg) LP-gas capacity] shall not be located on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3048 mm) of combustible construction {This includes wooden decking, windows openings, door openings, building siding materials, combustible fencing, awnings, patio covers, etc}.

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